

# **EXHIBIT “C-6”**

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2 L A U R A L Y N N A D A M S , called as  
3 a witness on behalf of the People of the State of New York,  
4 having been duly sworn, was examined and testified, under  
5 oath, as follows:

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. FITZPATRICK:

7 Q Ma'am, good morning. Would you tell the ladies  
8 and gentlemen of the jury your full name?

9 A Laura Lynn Adams.

10 Q And where do you live, ma'am?

11 A In Gansevoort, New York. It's right outside of  
12 Saratoga.

13 Q Could you tell us, please, are you married or  
14 single?

15 A Married.

16 Q And how long have you been married?

17 A Ten years.

18 Q Do you have any children?

19 A Two.

20 Q And what are their ages?

21 A Six and two.

22 Q And what do you do for a living?

23 A I'm a registered nurse.

24 Q Did you know the deceased, Valerie Hill?

25 A Yes.

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2 Q And when did you first meet Miss Hill?

3 A In 1977 when I first attended Cazenovia College.

4 Q Were you a freshman in 1977?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And she?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And did you room together?

9 A Our second year we roomed next door to each  
10 other. We weren't roommates in college. After college  
11 we were roommates.

12 Q Did you continue a relationship after college?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And how close would you say you were to  
15 Miss Hill?

16 A We were good friends.

17 Q And did you ever visit her in Cazenovia, or --  
18 strike that.

19 When did you move to the Saratoga area?

20 A Approximately November, November-December.

21 THE COURT: Of what year, ma'am?

22 THE WITNESS: I'm trying to think. '80, I  
23 believe.

24 BY MR. FITZPATRICK:

25 Q 1980. And did you keep in contact with Miss Hill

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2 from 1980 up until the time of her death?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And how often would you see her, or she see you?

5 A Periodically -- in the summertime more. We had  
6 a boat. She would come up and go out in our boat. I  
7 visited her before I got married by myself, and after I got  
8 married, you know, we went to college reunions together.  
9 She would come up once every couple of months -- not every  
10 year during that whole time span, depending on, you know,  
11 pregnancies, babies.

12 Q Did you -- were you aware that she was  
13 involved in a relationship with a Bob Lucas?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And had Mr. Lucas ever visited you with  
16 Miss Hill?

17 A I had been to his home when she lived with him,  
18 I had stayed there with my husband and myself, with  
19 Valerie.

20 Q All right. And when was your first child born?

21 A 1986.

22 Q And what date?

23 A May 23rd.

24 Q And did Miss Hill ever visit you and see your  
25 first child?

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2 A Yes.

3 Q How many times?

4 A I don't recall exactly how many times. I know  
5 that I went to see her with the baby, also.

6 Q And where was she living when you went to see  
7 her?

8 A In Syracuse.

9 Q All right. Do you remember the address?

10 A No.

11 Q Okay. Did you become aware, Mrs. Adams, that  
12 Valerie began to see another person by the name of Hector  
13 Rivas?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Did you ever meet Mr. Rivas?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Where was that?

18 A In my house, or -- we were renting at the time.

19 Q Do you remember when that was?

20 A It was in the summertime. It was warm weather,  
21 and I just had a baby. I don't think she was more than a  
22 month old. So it was probably June of 1986.

23 Q This is -- of 1986. All right.

24 Now, I want to, first of all, I want to show you,  
25 in front of me here there is a calendar of March of 1987.

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2 Did you have any contact with Valerie Hill in that month?

3 A She was coming to visit me.

4 Q And when did you and she make plans for that  
5 visit?

6 A During the week before she died.

7 Q All right. And we know that she died sometime  
8 on the weekend of March 27th. So you're saying it would  
9 have been the week preceding that?

10 A I believe the last time I spoke with her was  
11 Wednesday, the 25th.

12 Q Okay. And when was the intended visit to be?

13 A She was coming either tentatively Friday night  
14 or Saturday morning.

15 Q Friday night, the 27th?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Or Saturday morning, the 28th?

18 A Yes.

19 Q All right. And was that discussed on the phone --

20 A Yes.

21 Q -- on Wednesday?

22 A Yes.

23 Q All right. And was she coming with anyone?

24 A No.

25 Q And could you tell us, did you ever talk to her

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2 after Wednesday, the 25th?

3 A No.

4 Q Did you make any effort to talk to her after  
5 Wednesday, the 25th?

6 A Several.

7 Q Would you describe those for the jury, please?

8 A Well, Friday I started calling her approximately  
9 4:30-ish, right up -- I went out for a few hours and then  
10 came back. I believe the last time I tried to call her was  
11 around midnight.

12 Q All right. Let's go a little bit slower now.  
13 You started around 4:30?

14 A Yeah. I was trying to find out, you know, "Are  
15 you going to come? What do you think, Friday night or  
16 Saturday morning?" She was going out to dinner, I think. It  
17 depended on what time she got home from dinner.

18 Q Did you -- you were unsuccessful Friday night?

19 A I was unsuccessful.

20 Q Now, you indicated you went out, and with whom  
21 did you go out?

22 A My husband.

23 Q And do you know if you had a babysitter for the  
24 child?

25 A I believe we took the baby to a friend's house

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2 and, you know, we came home early evening, 9-ish, maybe  
3 9:30.

4 Q Did you continue your efforts --

5 A Yes, I did.

6 Q -- to contact Miss Hill?

7 A Yes, I did.

8 Q And do you remember how many times you called  
9 her Friday night?

10 A Dozens.

11 Q And did you ever get a response?

12 A No.

13 Q And you estimate the last effort was around  
14 midnight?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Now, you are -- I know this is silly, but do you  
17 have any recollection of when you awoke Saturday morning?

18 A Well, it would be early. I had a ten-month-old  
19 baby, I mean, I would certainly be up by 8.

20 Q Did you resume your efforts?

21 A Yes, I did. I called her first thing in the  
22 morning.

23 Q Any response?

24 A No.

25 Q And did you continue that throughout the day?



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2 A I continued until early afternoon.

3 Q Any success?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay. And when, after that, did you, if you did,  
6 did you ever attempt to contact her again?

7 A I believe I tried Sunday and, you know, I still  
8 got no response. And then Monday I heard of her death.

9 Q Okay. Now, how did you learn about her death?

10 A My husband told me a police officer had come to  
11 the house.

12 Q This would have been at your home outside of  
13 Saratoga?

14 A Right.

15 Q Now, Mrs. Adams, you knew Miss Hill for almost a  
16 decade?

17 A Mm-hmm.

18 Q And you describe your relationship with her as  
19 close?

20 A Yes.

21 Q All right. Now, I want you to tell me, and tell  
22 the ladies and gentlemen of this jury, the likelihood, in  
23 your judgment, of her not calling you to tell you that she  
24 was not coming to visit?

25 A She had come to visit me many, many times and

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2 never once had she never, ever, not shown up or not called  
3 when she was coming to visit. I mean, she would -- she  
4 would not not call me to tell me. There'd be no reason for  
5 her just not to show up.

6 Q All right. Mrs. Adams, thank you very much. The  
7 defense may have some questions for you.

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9 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. CALLE:

10 Q Good morning, Mrs. Adams.

11 A Good morning.

12 Q Mrs. Adams, you recall that on March 25th of 1987  
13 you attempted to call Valerie Hill approximately 4:30 in  
14 the afternoon, is that correct?

15 A No, 27th.

16 Q That's the 27th?

17 A 25th I spoke with her; 27th --

18 Q You spoke with her the last time on the 25th.  
19 Okay. And the next time you attempted to speak with her  
20 would be the 27th?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And what time was that?

23 A Approximately 4:30.

24 Q That was 4:30. All right. And you say you were  
25 unsuccessful. What do you mean by unsuccessful?

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2 A I didn't get any answer.

3 Q So did the phone ring?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And how many times did you call on Friday, the  
6 27th?

7 A Dozens. I mean, I can't tell you exactly how  
8 many. I called several, several times.

9 Q Dozens is twenty-four, would you say?

10 A I'd say at least twenty, throughout that night.

11 Q Up until what hour?

12 A Approximately midnight.

13 Q And on those twenty times that you called there,  
14 the phone always rang?

15 A Except for one time it was busy on Friday.

16 Q What time was that?

17 A I don't recall exactly the time, and it was a  
18 very short time, and then it was -- there was no answer.

19 Q Well, you know, what numbered call that was,  
20 that you called and got this busy signal at Valerie Hill's  
21 house on March 27th, 1987?

22 A I would guess it would probably have been the  
23 eighth or ninth time.

24 Q Can you approximate what time?

25 A I'm uncertain if it was before I went out, or when

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2 I came home.

3 Q What time did you go out?

4 A Early evening.

5 Q 6 p.m., would that be fair?

6 A That would be approximate.

7 Q But you had no idea what time that was that you  
8 made that call, that you received a busy signal?

9 A I can't tell you exactly what time that was, no,  
10 not at this time.

11 Q Can you estimate?

12 A It wouldn't be fair to estimate. I, I don't  
13 recall.

14 Q Directing your attention to the morning of  
15 March 28th, you estimate that you awoke approximately  
16 8 p.m., because you had a new baby --

17 A Ten months old, at that time.

18 Q -- is that correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Okay. And you had called, when you decided to  
21 call Valerie that morning?

22 A I called her first thing in the morning, as soon  
23 as I awaken.

24 Q And you -- and your call was unsuccessful at  
25 that time?

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2 A There was no answer.

3 Q Tell this Court, please, at 8 a.m. on the 28th  
4 of March, did you receive a busy signal?

5 A No.

6 Q Do you recall hearing your husband tell that to  
7 a police officer?

8 A No.

9 MR. FITZPATRICK: Judge, I object. That  
10 question is asked in bad faith.

11 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain the  
12 objection; improper question.

13 MR. FITZPATRICK: Could I be heard after  
14 we break for morning on that, if you'd just make  
15 a mental note of that, your Honor?

16 THE COURT: Sure.

17 BY MR. CALLE:

18 Q Is your husband here today, Mrs. Adams?

19 A No.

20 Q Sure.

21 A My husband never attempted to call her, so I  
22 don't know that he would --

23 THE COURT: Can I just stop you? Would  
24 you mark your record?

25 (Proceedings paused.)

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2 THE COURT: Go ahead, sir.

3 MR. CALLE: Thank you.

4 BY MR. CALLE:

5 Q At the time, Mrs. Adams, you were living in  
6 Schenectady?

7 A No. I was living at the same area that I'm  
8 living in now.

9 Q Where is that?

10 A In Gansevoort. It's about five minutes outside  
11 of Saratoga.

12 Q Oh, outside Saratoga. So that weekend she was  
13 to visit you, she was to come to that area of Saratoga?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And how long had you been living in that area  
16 at this particular time in 1987?

17 A Well, I've always lived in that area. That  
18 particular place, I think we just moved in the house.

19 Q Did you ever live in Onondaga County?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And how long ago was that?

22 A Right after college, '79.

23 Q And can you tell me what the distance is in  
24 mileage from Onondaga County to the Saratoga area, if you  
25 know?

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2 A It takes about three hours and fifteen minutes.

3 Q Approximate the mileage, if you know?

4 A No. However long it takes to drive three hours  
5 and fifteen minutes at the speed limit.

6 Q And at the time you and Valerie were uncertain  
7 as to whether Valerie was to leave Friday night or Saturday  
8 morning, is that correct?

9 A Correct.

10 Q Just to sum up, Mrs. Adams, getting back to the  
11 27th, you went out early evening?

12 A Correct.

13 Q And there came a time when you came home that  
14 evening?

15 A Approximately 8:30, 9:00.

16 Q And you don't know if you received a busy signal  
17 before you got home, or after, is that correct?

18 A That's correct.

19 Q Thank you.

20 THE COURT: Any redirect, sir?

21 MR. FITZPATRICK: No. Thank you,  
22 Mrs. Adams.

23 THE COURT: Watch your step. Thanks very  
24 much, ma'am.

25 (Witness excused.)